

## 5.5

## GRAMMAR

Defining relative clauses

I can use who/that/which in basic defining relative clauses.

1 **SPEAKING** Read an extract from *The British Students' Manifesto*. How is this school similar or different to your school? Discuss with a partner.

The school that we'd like is: A school which is for everybody, with boys and girls who come from all backgrounds and abilities, a place where we don't compete against each other, but just do our best.

2 Read the GRAMMAR FOCUS. Complete the rules using the relative pronouns in blue in Exercise 1.

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- You use <sup>1</sup> or **that** for people.
- You use <sup>2</sup> or **that** for things.
- You use <sup>3</sup> to refer to a place.

The relative pronoun usually comes immediately after the person, thing or place it refers to. You can leave out **that**, **which** or **who** when it comes before a noun or a pronoun.

3 Read *The British Students' Manifesto*. Underline the nouns that relative pronouns 1–10 refer to. Choose the correct relative pronoun.

## The British Students' Manifesto

We, the school pupils of Britain, have a voice.

## This is what we say.

The school that we'd like is:

A beautiful school <sup>1</sup>where / that the classrooms are uncluttered and the walls are brightly coloured.

A comfortable school with sofas and beanbags, cushions on the floors, tables <sup>2</sup>who / that don't scrape our knees, and quiet rooms <sup>3</sup>where / which we can chill. A light school with huge windows <sup>4</sup>that / where let the sunshine in, but blinds <sup>5</sup>who / which keep out the sun when we want to watch something on a screen.



4 Complete these definitions of words from the *Manifesto* with an appropriate relative pronoun.

- An uncluttered classroom is a classroom **which/that** is tidy with no unnecessary things in it.
- A beanbag is a large cushion **which/that** forms a comfortable shape when you sit on it.
- A person **which/that** scrapes their knees may get small cuts.
- Chill out is an informal expression **which/that** means 'to relax'.
- Blinds are like curtains **which/that** you use to keep out the light.
- A swipe card is a plastic card **which/that** works like a key and lets you in or out.
- A rigid timetable is a timetable **which/that** you can't change.
- A relevant school is a school **which/that** lessons are directly connected with real life.

5 Tick the sentences in Exercise 4 where you can leave out the relative pronoun.

6 **SPEAKING** Work in groups. Prepare a manifesto about your ideas for a perfect school. Think about:

1 classrooms and study areas	4 school uniforms
2 gardens and sports grounds	5 canteen.
3 equipment and technology	

7 **SPEAKING** Present your manifesto to the rest of the class.

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A safe school with swipe cards for the school gate, anti-bully alarms, first aid classes, and someone <sup>6</sup>where / that we can talk to about our problems.

A flexible school without rigid timetables or exams, without compulsory homework, <sup>7</sup>where / who we can follow our own interests and spend more time on the subjects <sup>8</sup>who / which we enjoy.

A relevant school <sup>9</sup>who / where we learn through experience, experiments and exploration, with field trips to historic sites and other places of interest.

A school that is for everybody with students <sup>10</sup>which / who come from all backgrounds and abilities, a place where we don't compete against each other, but just do our best.